

water without completing the ceremony. She urged reasons satisfactory to herself why she declined further immersion. Of course she will not be entitled to the privileges of a member until the ceremony is completed. The water and temperature were frigid, but the candidates bore the ordeal heroically. Faith has a wonderful influence over external conditions. At the evening service the confirmation services were performed before a large audience of attentive and serious minded people.

Our prospects for the immediate future are very bright at Boon's Chapel. We expect to baptize others soon who have been already received. Brother Leedy is conducting a meeting there each evening this week and I will join him in a few days.

For the benefit of the readers of the EVANGELIST I will give the formula of receiving, baptizing, and confirming members.

When one makes formal application for membership, the following questions are asked them. They are requested to stand up. "Do you profess repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ?" They answer affirmatively.

"Do you covenant to take the New Testament as your only rule of faith and practice?" The answer is affirmative.

I then give them the right hand of fellowship. The members present are then asked if they are willing to receive them.

At the water side a portion of scripture, relating to baptism, is read and an appropriate hymn is sung and prayers are offered.

The administrator then hands the candidate into the water and he (the administrator) proceeds as follows: "Upon your profession of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and your covenant to take the New Testament as your only rule of faith and practice, I baptize you for the remission of your sins, in the name of the Father, and in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost," repeating a forward immersion at the mention of each great name. The candidate then arises and greets the administrator with the holy kiss, if a brother, and with the hand of fellowship, if a sister.

The confirmation service is substantially as follows: Most merciful Father we humbly pray thy special blessing in behalf of this beloved brother who has obeyed the commandment of baptism with water, who has confessed thee before men by professing repentance toward thee and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who has made the solemn covenant to take the New Testament as his only rule of faith and practice, let it please thee to baptize him with the Holy Ghost, that he may never forget his solemn covenant. Wouldn't thou inscribe his name in the lamb's book of life, deliver him from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, may he have grace to grow to full stature of manhood in Christ, and at last, when life's work is done, may he enter triumphantly into the everlasting rest, for Jesus' sake,

Amen. The baptized person is kneeling during the ceremony.

Ordinarily this service is very interesting and impressive and its effect on the spectators and the subject is favorable and lasting. I think it is so much more solemn and appropriate in the church than in the water, and I would advise that it would always be administered there.

One interesting feature of the baptism was that of the baptism of the household of M. Fisher, consisting of father, mother, son and two daughters. It was marvelous to see all the candidates undergo the chilling, watery ordeal so calmly and composedly. Young sisters, unused to exposure to water, were as quiescent as though it were their natural element.

We expect a rich harvest of souls in that part of the vineyard in years to come. The plant has taken deep root in the hearts of the people and they are pushing the ark forward. May "Our Father" be always with them.

D. C. MOOMAW.

Philadelphia, Pa.

*Dear Evangelist:*—Three more confessed Christ today. Also four others asked us to remember them in prayer. The Holy Spirit is wonderfully working among us. Many are stepping out and working for the Lord who have been professors, for these many years. From ten years up to seventy are stepping out and accepting the "more excellent way." Praise the Lord. Since New Year we are letting the Holy Ghost have the right away at Tenth and Dauphin, and he is doing exceeding abundantly above all we are asking or thought. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Downsville, Md.

The meeting has closed at St. James Md., with twelve accessions. Meeting opened here at Downsville W. M. Lyon of Washington D. C., is doing the preaching. Full house and good order. One reclaimed and two applicants.

Yours fraternally

T. J. FALIRNEY.

Hoosier Echoes

On January twenty-third we dedicated our new church at Darwin. We were depending on Brother McFaden to dedicate it for us, but on Saturday we received word that he could not come. So the work fell upon us, and it was a new experience for us, that too without any preparation.

The morning service was taken up in providing for the indebtedness upon the house. This was assumed by the brethren and in the evening the house was dedicated to the Lord. We began a series of meetings on Monday evening and continued sixteen days. Immediate result nine accessions; future results God only knows. The interest at the close was great. A more crowded house I think I never saw than on the last Sunday night of

the meeting. This is a new field for the Brethren. Less than a year ago we began the work there, and the year's work has resulted in an organization of fifty-five members and the building of a sixteen hundred dollar church house. May the future years be more prosperous.

R. R. TEETER.

North Manchester, Ind.

Beaver City, Neb.

We are still on board the old ship of Zion. We commenced a meeting in the Brethren church five miles east of Beaver City, Jan. 16th, closing on Sunday evening the 30th with an excellent communion. It was the most enjoyable feast we have had in the Beaver City church for some time. All our services during these meetings were unusually spiritual. While there were no immediate conversions the membership was much revived and the church built up. The good of a meeting can not always be measured by the number of immediate conversions. It is one thing to save the world and another to save the church. "Feed my lambs" is the command of Jesus. I am glad to say the cause is gaining in our field of labor. Brethren pray for us.

C. FORNEY.

Claypool, Ind.

The good cause is still moving along at Claypool. Brother D. A. Hopkins began a series of meetings Jan. 3rd. and continued until Jan. 26th. The visible results were five accessions to the church, one by letter, and four by baptism. Much good seed was sown, and we trust it will spring up and bring forth many sheaves for the garner. Brother Hopkins is a gospel alone preacher. He gave much food for the soul, and I think the class was wonderfully built up by the sermons delivered by him.

He was called away one night during the meeting, the pulpit was filled by brother Aikenberry of Manchester, one of brother Perry's students. He is a beginner in the ministry and undoubtedly will be a power in the Brethren church and the cause of Christ.

The congregations were large and interested. The meeting closed with a communion. Brother H. went to another field of labor leaving Brother Aikenberry to fill the pulpit Feb. 19, and 20.

MAUD MINEAR.

Gleanings From the Wayside

"Joy to the world the Lord has come" and brought salvation down. Victory thro the blood of the Lamb. In our last communication we had just started our meeting at Maple Grove, Ind., but it was rain and storm and mud, but the people came anyway. We staid with them some ten days, during which time Brother J. M. Fox of our town came to our assistance, and just in time for I was very hoarse and very nearly worn out from continued preaching. Brother Fox wielded the sword with power and when I